

EXAMINER AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Surinder Sachar on October 10, 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 5, delete "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 1, line 7, delete "the distance of" and insert --a distance in --.

Claim 1, line 10, delete "error" and insert --errors--.

Claim 3, line 2, delete "error" and insert --errors--.

Claim 3, line 2, delete first occurrence of "main scan lines".

Claim 3, line 2, delete "total of" and insert --predetermined--.

Claim 3, line 3, after "which" insert --a--.

Claim 3, line 3, delete "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 4, line 5, delete "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 4, line 7, delete "the distance of" and insert --a distance in --.

Claim 4, line 10, delete "error" and insert --errors--.

Claim 6, line 2, delete "error" and insert --errors--.

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Claim 6, line 2, delete first occurrence of "main scan lines".

Claim 6, line 2, delete "total of" and insert --predetermined--.

Claim 6, line 3, after "which" insert --a--.

Claim 6, line 3, delete "the" insert --a--.

Claim 10, line 7, delete "the" and insert --a--.

Claim 10, line 10, delete "the distance of" and insert --a distance in --.

Claim 10, line 13, delete "error" and insert --errors--.

Claim 12, line 2, delete "error" and insert --errors--.

Claim 12, line 2, delete first occurrence of "main scan lines".

Claim 12, line 2, delete "total of" and insert --predetermined--.

Claim 12, line 3, after "which" insert --a--.

Claim 12, line 4, delete "the" and insert --a--.

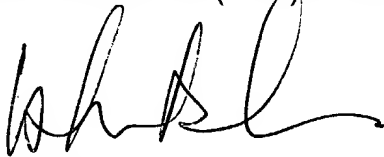
Communication

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherali Ishrat whose telephone number is 703-308-9589. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Boudreau can be reached on 703-305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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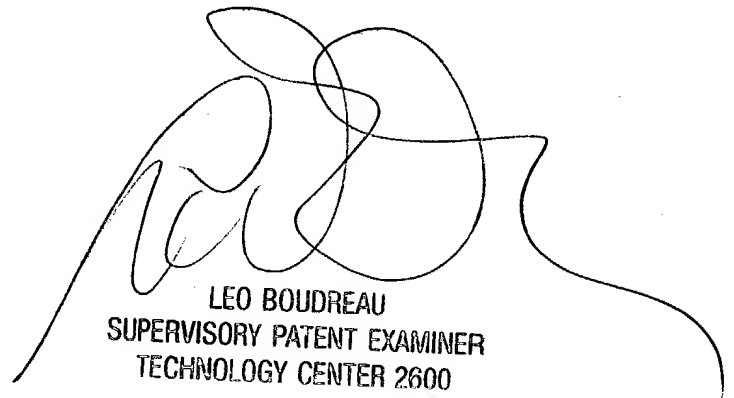


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